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HOUSE BILL NO. 294

BY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

AN ACT 1 APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE STATE CONTROLLER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2 2010; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; 3 PROVIDING FOR THE RECOVERY OF STATE CONTROLLER SERVICE COSTS 4 TO THE GENERAL FUND; DIRECTING THE STATE CONTROLLER TO COLLECT 5 MONEYS FOR HEALTH BENEFITS; REAPPROPRIATING UNEXPENDED AND 6 UNENCUMBERED BALANCES OF MONEYS FOR THE COMPUTER SERVICES 7 CENTER; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT ON PERSONNEL COSTS; DIRECT-8 ING SALARY REDUCTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 9

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the State Controller the following amounts to be expended for the designated programs from the listed funds for the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010:

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15		PERSONNEL	OPERATING	CAPITAL	
16		COSTS	EXPENDITURES	OUTLAY	TOTAL
17	I. ADMINISTRATION:				
18	FROM:				
19	General Fund	\$415,200	\$59,700		\$474,900
20	II. STATEWIDE ACCOUNTING	G:			
21	FROM:				
22	General Fund	\$1,532,500	\$1,564,100	\$46,100	\$3,142,700
23	Miscellaneous Revenue Fund		20,000		20,000
24	TOTAL	\$1,532,500	\$1,584,100	\$46,100	\$3,162,700
25	III. STATEWIDE PAYROLL:				
26	FROM:				
27	General Fund	\$1,277,900	\$1,566,600		\$2,844,500
28	Miscellaneous Revenue Fund		20,000		20,000
29	TOTAL	\$1,277,900	\$1,586,600		\$2,864,500
30	IV. COMPUTER SERVICES C	ENTER:			
31	FROM:				
32	Data Processing Services Fund	\$4,032,000	\$3,999,000		\$8,031,000
33	GRAND TOTAL	\$7,257,600	\$7,229,400	\$46,100	\$14,533,100

SECTION 2. In accordance with Section 67-3519, Idaho Code, the State Controller is authorized no more than ninety-eight (98) full-time equivalent positions at any point during the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, for the programs specified in Section 1 of this act, unless specifically authorized by the Governor. The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee will be notified promptly of any increased positions so authorized.

SECTION 3. The moneys assessed by the Division of Financial Management in accordance with Section 67-3531, Idaho Code, for State Controller services shall be placed in the Indirect Cost Recovery Fund. On June 30, 2009, the State Controller shall transfer the amount assessed in the statewide cost allocation plan from the Indirect Cost Recovery Fund to the state General Fund.

SECTION 4. The Legislature directs the State Controller to collect all moneys appropriated for health benefits for employees that participate in the state health insurance plan and are eligible to receive benefits but decline coverage. The State Controller shall accomplish this through the current payroll process.

SECTION 5. There is hereby reappropriated to the State Controller, the unexpended and unencumbered cash balance of the appropriation made to the State Controller for fiscal year 2009 for the Computer Services Center, to be used for nonrecurring expenditures only for the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010.

SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the Legislature to retain to the extent possible, our capable, quality employees who support the essential services and statutorily authorized programs that the citizens of Idaho expect. The Legislature finds these critical essential services to be those that maintain the health and safety of our citizens and the education of our children. While extending flexibility to the Governor and agency directors to manage the state workforce to the best of their ability during these difficult times, it remains the responsibility of the Legislature to identify priorities for the state workforce. The Legislature finds that reductions in personnel funding shall first be managed through salary reductions that impact all personnel fairly; secondly, be mitigated by the use of existing salary savings; thirdly, by using savings created by keeping newly vacated positions unfilled; fourth, by the use of furloughs; and lastly, as a last resort, by reducing the workforce. It is the intent of the Legislature that these policies shall be adhered to by the executive, legislative, and judicial branches to the extent allowed by law.

SECTION 7. SALARY REDUCTION. Inasmuch as salary reductions will save jobs; and inasmuch as a five percent (5%) reduction in personnel funding may create a reduction in force; and inasmuch as the state as a single employer of multiple departments and agencies is required by law to direct across the board salary adjustments; agencies and institutions shall reduce all salaries of classified and nonclassified employees, regardless of fund source, by three percent (3%) for fiscal year 2010, beginning on June 14, 2009, through June 12, 2010. Agencies shall use personnel cost savings, furloughs, and a reduction in force to manage the remaining two percent (2%) in funding reductions. The Division of Human Resources shall adjust all pay schedules for the classified personnel system downward to the extent that all beginning minimum salaries are three percent (3%) less than those in effect upon the date of passage of this law.

SECTION 8. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, Section 7 this act shall be in full force and effect on and after passage and approval.